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# G R E A T V I C T O R I E S :

I. Obtained by Colonel JONES, and Adjutant General *Levell*, in the taking of the Town of Chester; where they took all the Northeast part of the Town, and the Barres, and all the Out-works, and Works, as far as the East Gate; With all the particulars of the said Siege, and the Summons sent in, for the Surrender of the Town and Castle.

II. The taking of the Devizes, by Lieutenant General *Cromwell*; With the Articles whereupon it was surrendered, on Tuesday the 24. of September, 1643. With all the particulars about the same.

III. The Copie of a Letter from Lieutenant General *Lesley*, to his Excellency the Earl of *Leven*, of the glorious Victory obtained in Scotland against *Montrose*. 3. Barons killed upon the place, 2500. also slain, 700. killed in pursuit, 500. laid down their Armes, 6. Lords, and 1700. others taken prisoners; amongst which many of quality; And a List of the Names of the chiefest of those were slain and taken, 4000. Armes taken, and all *Montrose's* Carriages and Ammunition, Bag and Baggage.

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The manner of the entring *Chester*, by Col-  
lonel *Jones*, and Adjutant Generall *Lou-*  
*thamie*, with Sir *William Brewertons* For-  
ces; On Saturday the 20. of Sept. 1645.

Curusied by a Letter from the same, dated Sept. the 21.

SIR,



E have proceeded so farre in the Leaguer at Ber-  
ston, for the taking of the Castle, as we could;  
and have still kept in the Enemy on this side  
*Chester*; that they have not offended us, their  
sallies out have turned to their prejudice. The  
Lord *Byron* hath been lately out on the Welch  
side, and we have longed for Sir *William Brewertons* coming  
down to command in chief, which would by this time have  
been an occasion of doubling of our forces. But hee never,  
(seeing that it could not be at present, and) being unwilling  
to lose what advantage we could gaine, have attempted a great  
designe, such an one as you will wonder at, knowing the  
smallnesse of strength; Yet (to God be the praise) we are able  
to give a very good accompt of it hitherto, and so I hope we  
shall for the future.

SIR, Not to trouble you with a tedious discourse of the  
business, time being precious wish me the business was thus.

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On

On Friday last September 19. 1645. We called a Council of Warre in the League before Beeston Castle, to consult about the marching to Chester, to storm that Garrison, and concluded that it should be done forthwith: So we stole away from the Leaguer that night, the Enemy within the Castle knowing nothing at all of the businesse; and drew off about 1300. horse and foot from the Siege, Collonel Jones commanded the horse, and Adjutant Generall *Lushington* the foot, and the next morning before the Enemy were awake, we came upon them, having marched all that night through the Moores, passing over the River at Hapley, and so on by the way of Warston, not so much as staying at Christleton to refresh our selves, lest by our stay we should lose the opportunity, or be discovered. We marched that night about eight miles, and passed before break of day between Christleton and Huntington, and so on to Boughton, all which we carried on so private, that the Enemy had not so much as an alarme in the City.

We came before the City on the North east side thereof, where we made no stop, but presently fell to storming, and by break of day were got upon their Works, and many of us got over in severall places, before they heard any thing of us: we took all their workes betwene Cowland and Boughton, quite to the walles of the City, the enemy still flying before us, we pursued them to the inner workes which they shut up against us, but we forced open the gates at the barres, and still followed them, driving them into the East gate, which we had prevented them of, had we not been stopped by the fastning of the gate which they did to gain opportunity to flye into the city, we lost in all this, not above a men killed many wounded, the enemy carried away their dead all but one body, many of note on their side are wounded, and we believe many slain, two

in their great Workes we have taken, and in the end of the  
Suburbs, and doubt not but in short time to give a good ac-  
count of the whole Town. The Enemy within we hear, are  
about 1000. many Malignants are in the Town, we hope we  
shall be able to go on, if the Kings whole strength come not  
against us, and we have no relief to oppose them, or relieve us.  
Money our souldiers want much, yet will not our Comman-  
ders in chief, suffer any of them to plunder the Inhabitants of  
any thing, nor to drive away their Cattle.

One part of the Enemy fled into S. Warburge Minster, some  
at the East Gate, and some at Newgate; we have gained all  
between the Rack and the Gate going to S. Warburge, for  
the Northgate we doubt not but we shall soon determine that,  
and are sending in a summons for the surrender of the Citty  
and Castle, which we hope to give a good account of. We  
have taken the Barres, and the inner Workes there, and the  
Majors House, where we took his Sword, and his Mace.

*Your humble servants.*

*For-gate street in Chester,  
Sept. 19. 1645.*

A Copie of a Letter, containing the manner of the  
surrender of the Devizes, to Lieutenant Generall Cromwell,  
on Tuesday the 23. of Sept. 1645. According to Articles  
agreed on, Munday the 22. of Sept. 1645.

SIR,

**I**T hath pleased the Lord, still to add further blessing to our indu-  
vours, we have not been many dayes before this Garrison of the  
enemies before it was surrendered to us, Colomell Lloyd the Govern-  
our, had made strong workes about it, and had Ammunition good  
store, Major Duns was abroad, and a party of the horse. We hear,  
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Whatly are gone out towards them, we sent in a summons to Colonel Lloyd the Governour for the surrendering of the Garrison, and received a modest answer, In short, this day Commissioners were chosen, 2. of theirs and 2. of ours, who soon determined the business, which had they not done Lieutenant Generall Crumwell, was resolved to storme them suddenly, but they being willing to agree to so fair Articles, it was thought better to take the Garrison upon the termes propounded, then to run the hazard of loosing many precious men, which we must have done had we stormed it, and (you know) the best souldiers are also most lost in such service, I sent you the substance of the Articles that they agreed on for the surrendering of the Garrison, to Lieutenant Generall Crumwell, and rest.

Dated before the Devizes, Sept. 21. 1645.

The substance of the Articles agreed upon Monday the 21. of Sept. 1645. Between Lieutenant Generall Crumwell and Colonel Lloyd, for the surrender of the Garrison of the Devizes.

1. That the Field-Officers march away with their horse and armes, out of the Devizes to morrow morning.
2. That all other Officers march forth with them, onely with their own armes, not carrying out any thing else with them.
3. That all the common souldiers belonging to the Garrison that march out, do lay down their Armes, and march onely with their persons secured.
4. That all the Armes and Ammunition belonging to the Garrison, save the Officers single Armes allowed them, be left in the Garrison, unimbezelled or spoiled.
5. That they have liberty to chuse what Garrison they will march to, within 30. miles of the said Garrison of the Devizes.
6. That



6. That a safe Convoy be allowed to march along with them, to convoy them to the place which they shall nominate after they are marched out.

7. That they have all of them quarter for their lives, and the Town be secured from plunder.

8. That on the said Tuesday morning, Lieutenant General Cromwell be admitted to march into the Town, and Castle, according to the said Articles. And accordingly hostages given.

*Here followeth the Copie of a Letter from Lieutenant General David Leslie, to General Leslie his father; Of his great Victory against Montrose, on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. the 13. and 14. 1645.*

For his Excellency the Earl of Leven, these present.

*May it please your Excellency;*

**I**T hath which God to give us a notable and unexpected victory, highly begun on the 13. of September, between 11. and 12. a clock and was pursued the next day. All Montroses forces which were Irish and Highlanders, killed upon the place, the strength of horse and dragoons were about 2000. Which are all fled severall wayes. I protest I never fought with better horsemen, and against more resolute foot, who were drawn up amongst the closes. The Commanded horsemen, and Middletons Regiment were put onco back, but advanced againe and did most gallantly. Lieutenant Colonel Mercer had the van, who fought exceeding bravely, and Colonel Robert Montgomery did the like, and his soldiers are much to be commended, but the Lord Montgomery was a little hurt, the Earl Marischals behaviour was very gallant, though his Regiment were new raised forces, and had never been engaged with any enemy before, Lord Craford Insley and

and our Noblemen, according to their places and qualities.  
We have divers prisoners of quality.

May it please your Excellency, I intend to hast away to Glasgow, because Colckintoc was sent away with 800. Horse and more thither, and when God shall bring the enemy to that condition that they shall not be admitted to come together, I will leave Middleton behind, and be ready with the rest, to wait upon your Excellency.

May it please your Excellency: This is all I can write, &c.  
From the place where the  
Battle was fought, 15.  
of Sept. 1645.  
Your Excellencies most  
humble Servant.  
DAVID LESHLY.

*A List of the particulars of this great Victory, obtained by Lieutenant General Leslie against Montrose, Sept. 17.*

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| 3. Barons slain upon the place. | Montrose fled with not 20 men with him. |
| 500. Killed upon the place.     | 500. Irish shot to death against        |
| 100. Killed in pursuit.         | poits, after they were taken            |
| 100. Run to their own homes.    | dragling in the Country.                |
| <i>Taken prisoners.</i>         | There is not in all the enemies         |
| Earle of Tarquair.              | forces above about 1200.                |
| Lord Pinchen.                   | left, and Lieutenant General            |
| Lord Seaton.                    | David Leshly is gone to                 |
| Lord Donnmoyle.                 | pursue them, they were not              |
| Lord Grey.                      | engaged in this fight, but he           |
| Lord Ogilby.                    | is gone up to them all.                 |
| 1000. taken prisoners.          |   |

In all this, the Scots have not lost one Nobleman or any Officer of note, save only Lieutenant General Middleton's father, Montrose (before the fight too) wounded him in his bed, a brave old Gentleman, that never took up Arms at all.

All Montrose's Carriages was taken, and Ammunition, all his Bag and Baggage, and above 4000. Armes.

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